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LIGHTNING TOUCHES OFF TWO SMALL FIRES

DILLON, MONT., Sept. 10, 2006. 3 p.m.—Lightning on Saturday night (Sept. 9) touched off two small fires in the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest. In both cases, overnight rains kept the fires from spreading dramatically.

The Buffalo Springs fire, nine miles south of Lima, burned about 25 acres of grass near Sawmill Creek. Two firefighters were mopping this fire up Sunday and didn't anticipate any further problems.

The Maiden Peak fire, about 45 miles southwest of Dillon, burned one-tenth acre of grass and trees.

Twelve firefighters were sent to this blaze. A helicopter dropped two bucket loads of water on the fire and by Sunday afternoon, firefighters were confident they could take care of the fire.

The 12 firefighters included three from New Mexico and four from North Carolina. The out-of-state firefighters are among the many brought to Montana to augment local firefighting forces.

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